

Conclusion

Support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are entered to bring the claims into conformance with 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,

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4. The controlled foaming system of Claim 3, wherein the silicone foam suppressing agent has an average droplet diameter of from ~~about~~ 1 to ~~about~~ 50 microns releasably incorporated in a water-soluble or water dispersible, substantially non-surface active, detergent-impermeable, and non-hydroscopic carrier, the silicone foam suppressing component being substantially free of water-soluble relatively hydroscopic inorganic salts and in the form of an irregularly shaped particle having a minimum dimension of ~~not less than about~~ ^{at least} 0.05 cm and the maximum dimension being at least ~~about~~ 20% greater than the minimum dimension.
5. The controlled foaming system of Claim 2, wherein the foaming component produces upon contact with water gas bubbles having an average bubble particle size of ~~about~~ 400 microns or less, ~~preferably about 200 microns or less, and more preferably about 100 microns or less.~~
7. The controlled foaming system of Claim 2, wherein the effervescent granule further comprises a binder selected from the group consisting of cellulose derivatives, carboxymethylcellulose and homo- and co- polymeric polycarboxylic acid and their salts, C6-C20 alkyl and alkylaryl sulphonates and sulphates, C10-C20 alcohol ethoxylates containing from ~~about~~ 5 to ~~about~~ 100 moles of ethylene oxide per mole of alcohol, polyvinylpyrrolidones with an average molecular weight of from ~~about~~ 12 000 to ~~about~~ 700 000, polyethylene glycols with an average weight of from ~~about~~ 600 to ~~about~~ 10 000, copolymers of maleic anhydride with ethylene, methylvinyl ether, methacrylic acid or acrylic acid, C10-C20 mono and diglycerol ethers, C10-C20 fatty acids and mixtures thereof.
8. The controlled foaming system of Claim 4, wherein the non-hydroscopic carrier is a polyethylene glycol carrier, the carrier further comprising from ~~about~~ 0.2% to ~~about~~ 15% fatty acid or soap having from ~~about~~ 10 to ~~about~~ 30 carbon atoms, and/or wax.
10. The controlled foaming system of Claim 2, wherein the foaming component and the delayed-release foam suppressing component are independent dry particles, wherein the foaming component has an average particle size of from ~~about~~ 75 microns to ~~about~~ 2 cm.
12. A method of cleaning and soaking fabrics, comprising ^{the steps of} contacting the fabric in a solution containing water and the granular detergent composition of Claim 11 for an effective period of time ~~for a time sufficient~~ to clean said fabric.